cent by implementation of better technology and operating practices.

(iv) Introduction of Creseout Loi-ve Uddeholm (CLU) technology fo'r production of superior grade of stainless and other alloy steels specially for critical application was successfully commissioned.

आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में कृषि अनुसंधान

*259. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मिलेट (कोदो, कुटकी, रागी आदि) की खेती अधिकांशत: आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में की जाती है किन्तु इन फसलों की पैदावार में वृद्धि के लिए कृषि अनुसंधान के क्षेत्र में अब तक कोई उल्लेखनीय प्रगति नहीं की गई है;

(ख) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इन फसलों से संबंधित अनुसंधान कार्य पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई और कृषि अनुसंधान पर खर्च की गई कुल राशि में से कितने प्रतिशत राशि इस पर खर्च की गई; और

(ग) आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में इस दिशा में अनुसंधान कार्य करने के लिए विशेष रूप से कितने केन्द्र स्थापित किये गये हैं और उनमें से कितने मध्य प्रदेश में स्थित हैं ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री भजन लाल) : (क) जी हां, रागी आदिवासी तथा गैर आदिवासी दोनों इलाकों में उगाई जाती है, पर कोदो, कुटकी, प्रोसो आदि ज्यादातर आदिवासी इलाकों में ही उगाये जाते हैं। इन फसलों की पैदावार बढ़ाने के लिए भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद ने टेक्नोलोजी विकसित करने हेतु अनुसंधान के क्षेत्र में काफी प्रगति की है।

(ख) सातवीं योजना में कृषि अनुसंधान के लिए आवंटित 425 करोड़ रुपये में से 73.88 लाख रु० इन मोटे नाजों पर अनुसंधान के लिए आवंटित किए गये हैं। यह कुल व्यय का 0.17% है।

(ग) अखिल भारतीय समन्वित स्माल मिलेट कोदो, कुटकी, रागी आदि सुधार प्रायोजना के अन्तर्गत 12 अनुसंधान केन्द्र और भा०कृ०अ० परिषद का एक संस्थान जैसे-विवेकानन्द पर्वतीय कृषि अनुसंधानशाला, अल्मोड़ा मुख्य रूप से देश के जनजातीय क्षेत्रों के लिए काम कर रहे हैं। दो केन्द्र अर्थात-रीवा और दिनदोरी मध्य प्रदेश में स्थित है।

Loss to NALCO Smelter Plant in Orissa

*260. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NALCO Smelter Plant situated at Angul in Orissa has suffered heavy loss due to damage of posts;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter and respcn-sibity fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) During the rourse of progressive commissioning of the Smelter, 64 pots out of 194 pots energised by April, 1988, had to be bypassed to get over some of the initial teething problems and to stabilise the production.

(c) An enquiry has been ordered.

Demand for relief to State Governments

@2119. DR. YELLAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of State Governments for relief measures to meet the devastation by natural cala-

@Previously unstarred question 746, transferred from the 2nd August, 1983.

mities during the last three years; what is the amount recommended bj he Central Teams; and what was the amount sanctioned by the Central Government to different States on this account;

(b) how much amount was actually released and what was the utilisation rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Amount sanctioned to States for drought relief measures

@@2120. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what amounts were sanctioned by Government to different States for drought relief work in each of the last three years indicating the figures State-wise and year-wise;

(b) what was the a-mount used in each case; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the amount sanctioned is entirely and specifically Used by the concerned State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM. LAL YADAV); (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The execution of the relief operations is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. In order to ensure that Central assistance is spent on the items t°r which it is approved. Government of India releases the amount against the approved ceilings after scrutinising item-wise expenditure reported hy the respective State Governments.

, @ ©Previously Unstarred Question 843, transferred from the 2nd August, 1988.

Execution of Yamuna River Development Project

@@@2121. SHRI JAGDISH JANI Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased, to state:

Ca) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to execute Yamuna rivex front development project;

(b) if so,, the amount earmarked for the purpose;

(c) whether a comprehensive scheme has been drawn up for implementing the above projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) A comprehensive scheme for development of Yamuna river front within the U.T. of Delhi keeping in view the aspect of flood control, pollution control environmental improvement, chanalisation of the portion of river and physical planning of the river bed etc. is being drawn up by the DDA. The scheme will be finalised after getting the results of 'Modal Study' being conducted in this regard by the Central Water & Power Research Station, Pune. An amount of Rs. 52 lakhs has been earmarked for the purpose.

Nickel mining: and smelting project in Orissa

2122. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO; Will the Minister of

@ @ @ Previously Unstarred Question 1087, transferred from the 4th August, 1988.